

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS FR IT LY  
SUBJECT: LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT IN TERRORIST INCIDENT

REF: A. STATE 189356, B. ROME 13932

1. WE FOLLOWED UP EARLIER DEMARCHE (REF B) WITH MFA DIRECTOR FOR MIDDLE EASTERN AFFAIRS SANTARELLI AUGUST 7. SANTARELLI SAID THAT WHEN FRENCH INFORMED ITALIANS ABOUT ORIGIN OF WEAPONS USED IN TERRORIST INCIDENT AT ORLY, MFA INSTRUCTED ITALIAN AMBASSADOR IN TRIPOLI TO RAISE ISSUE WITH LIBYANS. WHILE GOL HAS NOT YET RESPONDED TO DEMARCHE, ITALIANS ARE SATISFIED THAT, AT THE LEAST, GOL KNOWS THAT GOI KNOWS OF LIBYAN SUPPLY OF ITALIAN ARMS TO TERRORISTS. SANTARELLI CAUTIONED THAT FOREGOING, CONSIDERED VERY SENSITIVE IN GOI, IS FOR USG INFORMATION ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH ITALIAN DIPLOMATS ELSEWHERE OR WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

2. AS TO JOINT DEMARCHE, SANTARELLI SAID MFA IS NOT  
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CLEAR ABOUT EXACTLY WHAT IS INTENDED. WHILE ITALIANS ARE NOT NECESSARILY OPPOSED TO IDEA OF FURTHER DEMARCHE, THEY FEEL THAT THEY HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED THEIR REACTION IN BILATERAL APPROACH.

3. AS STATED REF B, FOR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REASONS WE DO NOT BELIEVE ITALIANS WOULD BE WILLING TO JOIN IN

"TOUGH DEMARCHE" TO LIBYANS ON THIS ISSUE. FROM THEIR  
POINT OF VIEW, THEY HAVE ALREADY TAKEN COURAGEOUS STEP  
IN CONFRONTING GOL WITH THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF WEAPONS  
SUPPLY, AND THEY ARE NOT LIKELY TO WANT TO PURSUE IT WITH  
GOL ANY FURTHER. HOLMES

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